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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

RE:

Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection, 2016

WC Dockets No. 14-58 and 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to sections 54.313(i) and 54.422(c) of the Commission's Rules,¹ Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits a copy of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form," as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. A copy is also being submitted to the appropriate state regulatory commission and tribal government, as further required by sections 54.313(i) and 54.422(c).

Pursuant to the Protective Order adopted by the Commission in this proceeding,² the Company requests confidential treatment for the financial information included in its report, as required by §54.313(f)(2), on the grounds that it is commercially sensitive information that is not normally released to the public. The Company also requests confidential treatment for its Five Year Service Quality Plan pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's Rules. A

^{1 47} CFR §§54.313 and 54.422.

² In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al., PROTECTIVE ORDER, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., DA 16-296, released March 22, 2016...

letter in support of the Company's request is attached hereto.

In accordance with the Protective Order and the Commission's rules, one redacted copy has been submitted via ECFS, and one confidential non-redacted copy has been submitted on paper via hand delivery to the Secretary's Office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Salvatore Taillefer, Jr.

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to §0.457 and §0.459 of the Commission's rules, Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("the Company"), by its attorneys, hereby requests that certain materials and information be withheld from public inspection. Specifically, the Company requests confidential treatment of the Five Year Service Quality Improvement Plan (the "Plan" or "confidential information") attached to its Form 481 filing.

In support of its request for confidential treatment and pursuant to the requirements under § 0.459(b) of the Commission's rules, the Company states the following:

1. Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought.

The Company seeks confidential treatment of the Five Year Service Quality Improvement Plan, attachment 472218ID112 to the Form 481 filing accompanying this letter, which contains sensitive financial information about the Company as well as information about the Company's projected network improvements and upgrades for voice and broadband services during the period from 2015 through 2019.

2. Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission.

The documents are being submitted as part of the annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report (Form 481) mandated by section 54.313 of the Commission's rules.

3. Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged.

The data described is highly confidential and sensitive commercial and financial information which constitutes trade secrets or sensitive commercial and financial information that "would customarily be guarded from competitors," and is therefore exempted from mandatory disclosure under FOIA Exemption 4 and Section 0.457(d) of the Commission's rules.²

4. Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition.

The Plan relates to voice and broadband services provided by the Company that are subject to competition from competitive local exchange carriers, cable television system operators, electric power utilities, fixed and mobile wireless service providers, and/or satellite carriers.

5. Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm.

Disclosure of the confidential information is likely to result in substantial competitive harm to the Company because the confidential information could provide competitors with commercially sensitive insights related to the Company's operations, service offerings, and costs.

6. Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure.

The Company does not make the Five Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or any of the information contained therein publically available in any way, and further limits internal access to key employees subject to strict non-disclosure obligations.

7. Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties.

The Company does not make the confidential information available to the public and it has not previously allowed disclosure of the confidential information to third parties that are not otherwise bound by confidentiality obligations.

8. Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that the material should not be available for public disclosure.

The confidential information should be treated as confidential for an indefinite period, as the

¹ Id. § 0.457(d)(2).

² 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4): 47 C.F,R. § 0.457(d).

Company will always be subject to competition and the competitive harms associated with the disclosure of the confidential information.

In order to provide adequate protection from public disclosure, the Commission should strictly limit distribution of the confidential information within the Commission on a "need to know" basis and not allow any distribution outside of the Commission. In the event that any person or entity outside the Commission requests disclosure of the confidential information, the Company requests that it be so notified immediately so that it can oppose such request or take other action to safeguard its interests as it deems necessary.

Please direct any questions regarding this submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Taillefer, Jr.

Counsel for

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<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbp upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).			

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<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Ufeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toli calls, and rates for each such plan.	

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<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of		
	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54,312(c), that the locations in		
	question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives		
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for		50
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4		
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of		
	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect		
: Herriti	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census		
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two		
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	two - 54:313(b)(2)(ii), Round 2 recipients only.	Regulated Information	
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		<u> </u>
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for	Name of Attached Document Listing	
>2023B2	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC	Required Information	
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<2016> (Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d)) Certification support used to build broadband America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))		
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?		
<20178>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.		
<2018>	Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor Institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required information	
<2019≻	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in		
<2020>	urban areas for comparable offerings – 54.313(e)(2)(v) Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in 954.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 – 54.313(e)(3)		
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in 954.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)		
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54,309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54,313(e)(5)		
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in \$54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)		

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(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
(3010A)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313([](1)(i))		Yee - At	tach Certific	<u> </u>
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached I	Dogument Fi	sting Required	472218TDJ510_gdf
		Information			
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	No - No New Commun	ity Anchor		
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached I	Document Li	sting Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No)	O	0	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	9	\mathbf{O}	
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:				
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<u> </u>	V .]	
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		L	<u> </u>	4752187D3017.pdf
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required	Name of Attached I Information	Document LI	sting Required	
(3018)	documentation If the response is no on line 3014, is your company	(Yes/No)	0	O	
	audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line				
(3019)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains; Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS				
(2020)	Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement			denigi indgisj Seisi <mark>Filologi</mark> s	
(3020)	and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.				
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line				
(3022)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS. Operating Report for Telecontinuin(sations Borrowers				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer, certification,				
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant in Service (TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations; provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001,

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions - FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond tyes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations - FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b: Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Certificat	ion - Reporting Carrier ection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3050-0819
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

l certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities Inc recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on	ude ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service suppor this form and in any attachments is accurate.
Name of Reporting Carrier: CUSTER TEL COOP	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/29/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Demnis Thornock	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Executive Officer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2088792281 ext .17	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472218	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent)	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting calls
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Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
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Attachments

LINE 112: PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Custer") understands and complies with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's *Telephone Customer Relations Rules*, IDAPA 31.41.01, adopted under the general legal authority of the Public Utilities Law, Chapters 1 through 7, Title 61, Idaho Code, and the Telecommunications Act of 1988, Chapter 6, Title 62, Idaho Code, with regards to service.

These telephone customer relations rules provide a set of fair, just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory rules regarding deposits, guarantees, billing, application for service, denial of service, termination of service, complaints to telephone companies, billing for interrupted service, and provisions of certain information about customer to authorities.

Custer implements the *Telephone Consumer Relation Rules* through the terms and conditions set forth in its tariff, and through its standard company operating procedures, which is readily available to the public at their Headquarters office.

Custer also complies with Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and Red Flag rules through established operating procedures. A description of Custer's CPNI procedures is filed annually with the FCC.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a) (6) and/or 47 C.F.R § 54.422(b) (4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) (2) Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Custer Telephone's central and or remote office(s) by use of fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 120 hours of emergency power service. In addition, Custer Telephone's field electronics have 8 hours of back-up power by use of fixed/mobile generators and batteries. Custer Telephone also has SONET technology in its network that allows for self-healing network should a fiber cut occur in its core network and will automatically reroute traffic. Custer Telephone also has two (2) redundant paths within its network to provide for the capability to reroute traffic. Custer Telephone has equipped its remote offices/and or field gear, with Emergency Stand Alone technology that will provide for call completion and access to 911 in emergency situations. Custer Telephone is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

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Voice Service Comparability Certification

The Company certifies that the pricing of its voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$41.07,¹ as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.²

¹ See, Line 700, supra.

² Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2016 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services and Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-362 (rel. April 6, 2016).

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Broadband Service Comparability Certification

The Company certifies that the pricing of a service that meets the Commission's broadband public interest obligations is no more than the applicable benchmark, as specified in the annual public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau.¹ Specifically, the Company's 10 Mbps down/ 1 Mbps up, unlimited usage broadband service rate is below the relevant reasonable comparability benchmark of \$73.72.²

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2016 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services and Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-362 (rel. April 6, 2016).

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Lifeline

What Is The Telephone Assistance Program?

Financial assistance is available in Idaho to help qualified low-income individuals pay for telephone service. The Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) offers a \$2.50 discount on monthly telephone bills. A separate program — the Federal Communication Commission's Life line program (Lifeline) offers a monthly discount of \$9.25. ITSAP provides a communication "lifeline" to those who might not otherwise be able to afford telephone service. It also enhances the value of service for everyone



by increasing the number of people who can be reach by telephone. A small surcharge is applied to every Idaho telephone line each month to reimburse local telephone companies for the cost of state discounts under ITSAP. The surcharge is Waived for customers receiving the ITSAP discount. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) Reviews the surcharge annually and may increase or decrease the surcharge.

Who Is Eligible?

Any residential customer who meets program-based or income-based eligibility criteria. To find out if you are eligible contact the Regional Idaho Department of Health & Welfare office.

The assistance provides the following discounts:

Landline:

- Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Credit \$2.50
- Lifeline FCC End User Charge Credit \$6.50
- Federal Lifeline Credit \$2.75

Wireless

- Wireless Lifeline Credit \$9.25
- Wireless ITSAP Credit \$2.50

How Do I Apply For Assistance?

In order to receive benefits, you must apply for these programs with the Regional Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (IDHW) office. Website link and local address is listed below. IDHW will work with you and Custer Telephone to recertify you for the program each year; failure to recertify will terminate your eligibility for program benefits.

- Apply at the Regional Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office.
- If you are eligible, your name and telephone number will be forwarded to Custer Telephone or your local service provider if different than Custer Telephone.
- The monthly discount will begin by your next billing period if your name and number match the telephone company's records.

Do I Need To Apply Every Year?

Yes. Your eligibility must be renewed each year.

Is Telephone Assistance Available For Cellular Service?

Yes, cellular phone assistance is available in Idaho.

If you have questions regarding ITSAP, please contact Custer Telephone or the Regional Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

Lifeline is a government assistance program; the service is non-transferable, only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, and the program is limited to one discount per household.

Idaho State Health Department, District 7 1301 Main St # 3B Salmon, ID 83467 208.756.2985

http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/FoodCashAssistance/HeatingTelephone/tabid/91/Default.aspx

Lifeline Service Terms

Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a quality telecommunications service provider who provides basic and enhanced services at reasonable rates within its service territory. Basic Residential service is offered at the following rate:

·	Monthly Rates Charges	One-Time Non-Recurring
Single Party Residence Service	\$18.00	\$18.00
The following fees apply in addition to the above monthly rates: • FCC End User Charge • Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) • Idaho Universal Service Fund (ID USF) • Custer County 911 Fee • Federal Excise Tax • Federal Universal Service Fund • Residential Access Recovery Charge • FUSC- Residential ARC	\$6.50 \$0.01 \$0.12 \$1.25 \$0.84 \$1.16 \$2.00 \$0.36	
Single Party Residential Service Total Federal Lifeline Credit Lifeline FCC End User Charge Credit Idaho Telephone Assistance Program Credit Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) Credit Federal Excise Tax Credit Federal Universal Service Fund Credit Residential Access Recovery Charge Credit FUSC- Residential ARC Credit	\$30.24 (\$2.75) (\$6.50) (\$2.50) (\$0.01) (\$0.10) (\$1.16) (\$2.00) (\$0.36)	
Single Party Universal Life Line Service Monthly Rate*	\$14.86	\$18.00

^{*}Discounted basic service rates and free Toll-Blocking are available to those that qualify for Universal Life Line Service.

The above rates include the following:

- Unlimited Local Calling
- Touch Tone Capability
- Access to Operator Services
- Directory Assistance and Inter-Change Service Providers
- Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
- Free Access to 800 and 800-like Toll Free Services
- One Free Directory Listing
- Free Access to a Business Office and Free Access to the Idaho Relay Service by Dialing 711

Emergency 911 Service......Surcharge for 911 services are assessed according to Government assessments

Long Distance is not included.

Long Distance rate is ten cents (\$0.10) per minute

Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc offers basic services to all customers in the following exchanges: 838-Clayton / 879-Challis / 876-May / 894-Elk Bend

For additional detail on any of these services, please contact our business office at 208.879.2281 or toll-free 866.879.2281.

Response to Line 3010 Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Study Area 472218

Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Custer") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how Custer is meeting its obligations for its goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.

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